

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 33 and 34 are pending in the application, with 33 being the independent claim. Claims 1-32 are sought to be canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 33 and 34 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Support for new claims 33 and 34 is found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 16-33 and page 13, lines 13-32. The amendment to Table 1 on page 15 of the specification corrects obvious typographical errors in the indication of left hand side (LHS) and right hand side (RHS) for Subjects E and H. It is readily apparent from the discussion on page 14, lines 10 to 27 of the specification that the side of the mouth injected with local anesthetic reversal agent (LARA) exhibited much shorter anesthetic reversal times compared to the side which did not receive LARA. Furthermore, the same table on pages 10-11 of the specification in U.S. Provisional Application 60/203,800, to which the present application claims the benefit of priority, contains the correct indication of LHS and RHS, providing further evidence that the requested amendment merely corrects obvious typographical errors.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will

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expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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